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Honorable Judge Karen A. Overstreet  
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Hearing Date: April 9, 2014  
Hearing Time: 10:00 am  
Response Date: April 2, 2014

5 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

6 IN RE:

7 PARMA LEE BERG  
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**CHAPTER 7 BANKRUPTCY**

**NO.: 12-20574-KAO**

**MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM STAY  
BY WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.**

10 Debtor.  
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12 **I. Introduction**

13 COMES NOW, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. its successors in interest, agents, assigns and  
14 assignors ("Creditor") and moves this court for an order terminating the automatic stay, allowing  
15 Creditor to proceed with and complete any and all contractual and statutory remedies incident to its  
16 security interests held in real property commonly described as 1522 196th Street Southeast #D104,  
17 Millcreek, WA 98012 ("Property"), and legally described as set forth in the Deed of Trust attached  
18 as an Exhibit to the declaration on file with the court. Creditor further seeks relief in order to, at its  
19 option, offer, provide and enter into any potential forbearance agreement, loan modification,  
20 refinance agreement or other loan workout/loss mitigation agreement and to contact the Debtor via  
21 telephone or written correspondence to offer such an agreement, which shall be non-recourse unless  
22 included in a reaffirmation agreement. Creditor further moves that, absent objection, the provisions  
23 of F.R.B.P. 4001(a)(3) be waived to avoid further deterioration of Creditor's secured position.  
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## II. Jurisdiction

This court has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334 and 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(G). This case relates to a case under Title 11 of the United States Code. This proceeding is defined as a “core proceeding” as that is defined in the Code.

## III. Standing

Under 11 U.S.C. § 362, a party seeking relief from stay must be a “party in interest.” To establish that Creditor is a “party in interest”, a creditor must establish that it has at least a colorable claim to the property that is the subject of the motion. In the case at bar, Creditor’s claim is based on the Note and Deed attached to the Declaration and on file with the court. Creditor’s interest in the Note and Deed is described below.

The Deed acts as the security for the Borrower’s payment on the Note. The Deed is recorded with the county in which the property is situated as evidence of the debt described in the Note for the benefit of any subsequent parties that may take an interest in the property described.

The Note is a negotiable instrument as that term is defined by RCW § 62A.3-104. Under the terms of the Note, Borrower is obligated to pay the instrument according to its terms at the time it was issued. Creditor is entitled to enforce the note under R.C.W. § 62A.3-301.

Under RCW § 62A.3-301(i), the holder of a negotiable instrument is entitled to enforce that instrument. The term “holder” includes the person in possession of a negotiable instrument that is payable to a bearer that is in possession. RCW § 62A.1-201. A note not indorsed to a particular payee is a note “Indorsed in Blank.” A note Indorsed in Blank is payable to the bearer and may be transferred by possession alone. RCW § 62A.3-205. The transfer of a note secured by a deed of trust carries with it the security agreement as incident. See *Spencer v. Alki Point Transportation Company*, 53 Wash. 77, 101 P. 509 (Wash. 1909).

1 In the case at bar, the Note, together with the Declaration accompanying this motion,  
2 establish that Creditor is the holder of the Note indorsed in blank and is thus entitled to enforce the  
3 Note and foreclose on the deed of trust. Therefore, Creditor has standing to bring this motion.

#### 4 **IV. Parties in Interest**

5 On or about April 17, 2006, Parma L. Berg ("Borrower" collectively herein), executed a note  
6 in favor of Home123 Corporation, a California Corporation with an original principal amount of  
7 \$204,000.00.

8 The indebtedness under the note is secured by a deed of trust recorded against the Property.

9 Parma Lee Berg ("Debtor" hereafter) filed for protection under Chapter 7 of Title 11 of the  
10 United States Code on October 18, 2012.

11 As of the date of filing, on information and belief, foreclosure proceedings were pending but  
12 to the extent any sale date occurs during the pendency of the automatic stay, that sale will be  
13 postponed pursuant to state law and notice of the postponement will be mailed as required by state  
14 law.

#### 15 **V. Default**

16 Debtor is in default pursuant to the terms of the note for failure to make the required  
17 payments. Payments are credited as last received to first due. Creditor's loan status reflects  
18 payments now owing due on and after October 1, 2012. The following is a breakdown of the default:

<b>Date of Contractual Payments</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Total</b>
October 1, 2012 to October 1, 2012	\$1,303.05	\$1,303.05
November 1, 2012 to January 1, 2014	\$1,280.52	\$19,207.80
February 1, 2014 to February 1, 2014	\$1,268.75	\$1,268.75
Late Charges		\$423.20
NSF Charges		\$25.00
Property Inspection		\$145.00
Estimated Foreclosure Fees		\$370.00
BPO		\$85.00
Less Funds in Suspense		(\$184.81)
<b>Total Default</b>		<b>\$22,642.99</b>

1 These figures are an estimate only and are subject to change as additional fees are incurred  
2 and payments are made or become due, including but not limited to the attorney fees and costs  
3 incurred as a result of the filing of this motion. Please contact Creditor's counsel directly for a  
4 reinstatement quote.

#### 5 VI. Estimate of Obligation

6 The approximate amount owed under the terms of the note is \$203,173.97 as of February 28,  
7 2014. The following is an itemization of this approximate amount:

8 Principal Balance	\$188,191.47
9 Accrued Interest	\$11,922.31
10 Escrow Advance	\$2,196.80
11 Late Charges	\$423.20
12 NSF Charges	\$25.00
13 Property Inspection	\$145.00
14 Estimated Foreclosure Fees	\$370.00
15 BPO	\$85.00
16 Less Suspense	(\$184.81)
17 <b>Total Due</b>	<b>\$203,173.97</b>

18 This total is an approximation of the lien. This estimate is provided only for the purposes of  
19 this motion and cannot be relied upon for any other purpose, including tender of payoff. An exact,  
20 itemized payoff figure will be obtained from Creditor upon written request to counsel for the  
21 Creditor.

22 Other liens encumbering the Property include a scheduled debt in favor of T-Square  
23 Properties with an approximate balance owed of \$5,580.00. And, a second junior lien exists in favor  
24 of Wells Fargo Nat. Bank with an approximate balance owed of \$25,000.00  
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**VII. Value of the Property**

Debtor's sworn schedules value the Property at \$183,000.00.

**VIII. Authority**

Under 11 U.S.C. § 362 (d)(1), on request of a party in interest, the Court shall terminate, annul, modify or condition the stay for cause, including the lack of adequate protection. Adequate protection is lacking in cases where there is an insufficient equity cushion in the subject property. In re Mellor, 734 F.2d 1396, 1401 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1984). An equity cushion is the amount of value in property that exceeds the amount owed on the property such that a secured creditor will not be subject to a loss in the event of a decrease in value while the property is encumbered by the automatic stay. Id. at 1400 n.2. In determining the amount of value in property, the likely costs of sale or liquidation must be considered. In re Faires, 34 Bankr. 549, 550 (Bankr. W.D. Wash. 1983). In the case at bar, considering the value of the Property, Creditor's total lien, and the likely costs of liquidation, there is an insufficient equity cushion and thus Creditor lacks adequate protection.

Under 11 U.S.C § 362(d)(2), a Court shall terminate, annul, modify or condition the stay if the debtor has no equity in the Property and the Property is not necessary for an effective reorganization. In the case at bar, the value of encumbrances, including all liens and costs of liquidation, together with available exemptions, exceed the value of the property such that there is no equity available for the estate. Because the Debtor has chosen to liquidate under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, the granting of an Order on Relief from Stay will not adversely affect the prospects of reorganization.

Under 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(1), cause to terminate the automatic stay exists in Debtor's continued failure to make payments towards the obligation. In this case Debtor has failed to make the required payments as due under the terms of the note and thus there is cause to lift the stay.

1 **IV. Conclusion**

2 THEREFORE, Creditor requests this Court enter an order terminating the automatic stay  
3 pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362 and that Creditor be allowed to immediately proceed with and complete  
4 any and all contractual and statutory remedies incident to the security interests held in the Property.  
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6 DATED this 6th day of March, 2014.

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